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**SUMMARY.**

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The Russian fleet sank was turned, sweeping away the new front, which was impeded as a check to the onward movement.

The present position of the Japanese is diminishing, but it is only a question of time when the Manchurian defences at Antung and elsewhere lower down the river.

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Their purpose is to prevent other Russian ships from effecting a junction with the Russian fleet.

According to reports that 10 Japanese destroyers and six torpedo boats were off Vladivostok on Friday morning, but quickly disappeared in a fog.

Roster's correspondent at Tokio reports that General Kuroki began the movement for crossing the Yalu on Tuesday last.

After meeting resistance a detachment of guards occupied Kurito, an island above Wili, but the Japanese did not respond, as the sea was generally ineffective.

After driving the Japanese about eight miles above Wili, the Japanese constructed a pontoon.

The passage was commenced at 3 o'clock on Saturday morning, the entire division crossing during the day.

At 6 o'clock in the evening they had occupied the position assigned for Sunday's battle.

A vigorous attack of artillery fire was made to the advantage of the Japanese.

General Kuroki considers that his shelling was very effective.

Two Japanese were killed, and five officers and two men were wounded.

The second bridge, just above the Yalu, a Rother correspondent reports, was completed on Saturday evening.

The second division and guards crossed and secured the bank at the back of Tso-kan, where the Russian headquarters were located.

All night Japanese regiments poured across the bridge.

At daylight General Kuroki concentrated all his available force on the Russian position, and the Russians vigorously replied.

At 7 o'clock in the morning the Russian battery at Koskoi was silenced. Half an hour later General Kuroki attacked along the line.

The industry charged across the At-ho, wading deep, and began storming the heights.

At 9 o'clock they swept the Russians back across the line to the Russian position, and the Russians vigorously replied.

It is anticipated that the Russian losses will be very heavy.

General Kuroki telegraphed on the 24th crossed the Yalu, and occupied some villages.

The Russians, on the 25th, expelled the Japanese, driving them to the Yalu, killing 10, and wounding 32.

On the 26th the Japanese, with 24 field guns and several siege guns, shelled a Russian position, firing 2000 projectiles.

The Russians stubbornly defended the position. They admitted having 3 private trains disabled, 1500 men killed, and 1000 wounded.

The "Times" describes Mr. Tom Robert's "Opening of the First Commonwealth Parliament" as a vast historical work, and a picture of the scene.

The World's Fair at St. Louis was opened on Saturday by the President of the United States. There were 100,000 visitors present.

Mr. Roosevelt performed the ceremony from the White House at Washington by pressing a button which caused the machinery to move and unfurling the flags.

The Prime Minister stated yesterday that he could at present give no further information concerning the affray with natives in New Zealand.

Mr. C. C. Kingston, M.P., was much better yesterday, and was able to go to Melbourne to transact private business.

Mr. Watson was not seen to go into the House of Commons yesterday, but other members of the party were present.

He points out that neither of the other two parties in the House of Representatives is officially in favour of assisting the Government with its Arbitration Bill.

William J. O'Brien, aged 10 years, was run over and killed by a train on the Crookwell line at Goulburn yesterday.

The steamer Karoo was docked at Townsville for repairs, but the men refused to begin work on the south, which belonged legitimately to the north, ought to be stopped.

A deputation asked the Railway Commissioners to put a stop to the harking for extension.

The commissioners stated that they had carefully considered the question of workmen's trams on all lines, and could not recommend that they should have more than one.

The net value of the estate of the late Mr. Walter Lindsay Thurstan, solicitor, upon whom stamp duty was chargeable, was £23,417 less £6.

In the Mount Cooper Estate Inquiry, the two sides have agreed that the land available for other settlements, and that the average size of the farms should be about 50 acres.

The Joint executive committee of the Liberal, National, and People's Reform parties has issued a progress list of officially endorsed candidates.

Out of 26 names in the list 22 are members of the Legislative Assembly.

Mr. O'Sullivan has agreed to find one-fourth of the cost to repair the most defective portions of the old South Australian roads, on condition that the municipalities pay another three-fourths.

Twenty-nine cattle out of a mob of 500 died from eating Scotch thistles in the Murray district recently.

Two arrests were made yesterday in connection with the daylight robbery at Ultimo.

At the fifteenth annual meeting of the Queen's Jubilee Fund yesterday, it was stated that £1000 had been received, and was added to the sum of £7750 left.

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# GREAT LAND BATTLE

JAPANESE VICTORY.

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RUSSIAN STRONGHOLD STORMED AND CAPTURED.

BRILLIANT BAYONET CHARGE.

HEAVY RUSSIAN LOSSES.

CAPTURE OF GUNS AND WAR MATERIAL.

JAPANESE IN A DOMINATING POSITION.

**LONDON, May 2.** Reuter's correspondent at Tokio reports that after five days' fighting, largely with artillery, Lieutenant-General Kuroki forced a crossing of the Yalu, and on Sunday with a gallant infantry charge over four miles of front expelled the Russians from Chiu-lien-cheng and the heights on the right bank of the Ai-ho, turning the Russians' left flank and sweeping away the new Russian front which was interposed as a check to the onward movement.

The present position of the Japanese is dominating and is likely to compel the abandonment of the Russian defences at Antung and elsewhere lower down the river.

Other reports supplied by newspaper correspondents state that heavy artillery fire at first foiled the efforts of the Japanese to bridge the Yalu.

Many Japanese waded across, and ultimately 40,000 got over, the movement culminating in a bayonet charge of an heroic character.

The Russians on the high bluff were strongly entrenched, and they stubbornly defended their position, which, however, was carried with immense dash.

Lieutenant-General Inouye commanded the earlier movements, and General Kuroki personally directed the final attack.

The Russian losses exceeded those of the Japanese, besides the loss of guns and material.

## GRAPHIC ACCOUNT OF THE FIGHTING.

### SIX DAYS' OPERATIONS.

**LONDON, May 2.** Reuter's correspondent at Tokio states that Lieutenant-General Kuroki began the movement on April 28 (Tuesday last), securing a detachment of the Guards to seize Kurto Island, above Wiju, and a detachment of the second division to seize Kineto Island, below Wiju.

The Guards, after meeting with resistance, occupied Kurto. The number of Russians killed during this operation is unknown, but 25 were wounded.

Kineto Island was abandoned when attacked on Tuesday.

On Wednesday, the Russians, with 91-millimetre guns (3.7 in.) and two Hotchkiss guns, bombarded Wiju, but the Japanese did not respond, as the fire was generally ineffective.

General Kuroki on Thursday sent two companies of Guards to reconnoitre on the left bank of Ai-ho, and to ascertain the nature of the Russian works on the right bank.

The Russians shelled the reconnaissance, which met and killed a party of five Russians.

**LONG-RANGE ARTILLERY FIRE.** All Thursday the Russian artillery at Chiu-lien-cheng continued a high-angle fire on Wiju, Kurto, and Se-kao without drawing a reply.

The fifth division on Friday, after attacking the Russians from the bank opposite Kurto, eight miles from Wiju, constructed a pontoon.

The passage was commenced at 3 o'clock on Saturday morning, the entire division crossing during the day, and occupying by 6 o'clock in the evening the position assigned to Sunday's battle.

The vigorous exchange of artillery fire was clearly to the advantage of the Japanese.

General Kuroki considers that his shellings were very effective.

Two Japanese were killed and five officers and 22 men were wounded.

**CO-OPERATION OF THE FLEET.**

During Saturday's bombardment Rear-Admiral Hosoya's flotilla of gunboats participated, scattering a mixed force of infantry, cavalry, and artillery below Antung.

The second bridge across the Yalu, just above Wiju, was completed on Saturday evening.

The second division and the Guards crossed and occupied the hills at the bank of Tao-san, where the Russian headquarters were located.

**ACROSS THE YALU.**

All night Japanese regiments poured across the bridges.

At daylight General Kuroki concentrated all his artillery on the Russian position between Chiu-lien-cheng and Koskoi, and the Russians vigorously replied.

By 7 o'clock in the morning the Russian battery at Koskoi was silenced.

**BRILLIANT CHARGE.**

Half an hour later General Kuroki attacked along the Ai-ho, wading broad-deep, and began storming the heights.

By 9 o'clock they swept the Russians back across the plateau.

It is anticipated that the Russian losses were heavy, especially during the charge.

It is unknown whether the Russians re-crossed the river or towards Feng-huang-cheng.

**GENERAL KUROKI'S REPORT.**

**LARGE ARMY DEFEATED.**

**LONDON, May 2.** Lieutenant-General Kuroki, Commander-in-Chief of the Russian troops, reports that 30,000 Russians held a four-mile front before the Japanese captured the position.

Severe fighting for three-quarters of an hour took place before the heights from Chiu-lien-cheng to Makou and Yushukan were stormed.

**PREVIOUS REPORTS.**

**LONDON, May 1.** Fighting on the Yalu has been proceeding since Tuesday. The Japanese effected a crossing on Thursday, and turned the left bank of the Russians.

On Sunday the Japanese captured Chia-chen-cheng (to the north of Wiju), the key to the Manchurian side of the river, the key to the Russian position.

The Japanese gunboat flotilla co-operated with the Japanese batteries on the south bank of the river.

## CABLES TO THE CONSUL-GENERAL

### THE CROSSING OF THE RIVER.

**Mr. K. Iwasaki, Acting Consul-General for Japan, received the following cable from Honan Komura, Japanese Minister for Foreign Affairs:**

"The following is the report from General Kuroki:—In order to prepare for the crossing of the river, the Japanese made a bridge, detachments of the Imperial Guards and the Second Division attacked the enemy on the islets in the

Yalu, and occupied them on the 28th ult. Our casualties were—3 Imperial Guards slightly and 16 seriously wounded, while there were none in the Second Division. The enemy retreated towards Kiu-lien-cheng (or Chiu-lien-cheng), carrying many dead and wounded."

"According to a Russian cavalryman who was taken prisoner, the 2nd, 3rd, and 27th Infantry Regiments, together with the Eastern Sharpshooters, formed the force. Lieutenant Senoyoff commanding the mounted scouts of the 22nd Regiment.

"The corps of the enemy which were found and buried at Wuju numbered 85. Six live horses of the enemy were also found."

"From noon of the 28th till the next day, the enemy fired intermittently upon Wuju, but were unanswered."

"On the same day two gunboats, two torpedo boats, and two steamers, detached from the fleet, were commanded by Rear-Admiral Hosoya, and proceeded up the Yalu, exchanging shots with the enemy on Antung-shan. The enemy was silenced, while the detachment suffered no damage."

"On the 28th two infantry companies of the Imperial Guards reconnoitred Kiu-lien-cheng, and one section was detached to act as one Litzuyuan, which was surrounded, held, and driven off. The enemy fled at long range from the neighbourhood of Kiu-lien-cheng (or Chiu-lien-cheng), without much effect upon our preparation works."

"On the 29th the 12th Division commenced bridging at Sukuchin, and completed the work in the early morning on the next day; and the army crossed. From 10.45 a.m. till noon the army marched on to Antung-shan, but there were soon alienated our losses being five officers slightly wounded, and two non-commissioned officers and men killed, and 22 wounded."

"At 8 p.m. on the 30th, the bridge over the main stream was completed, and the army, having crossed the river, advanced upon Hushan."

"On the 31st a day's detachment from the 2nd advanced below Antung-shan, and fought at close range with 400 infantry and cavalry, and the enemy retreated, with no casualties on our side."

"At daybreak on the 1st we commenced cannoneading, and silenced the enemy's artillery on the hill, north-west of Yalu-kou; and at 10.45 a.m. all divisions advanced to attack, and took possession of the heights extending from Kiu-lien-cheng to the north of Makou and Yushukan by 9 a.m."

**A HINT TO THE COMMONWEALTH.**

### JAPANESE EXPANSION IN OCEANIA.

### RUSSIA'S CONDITIONAL CO-OPERATION.

**LONDON, May 2.** "Colonialists," writing in the "Fortnightly Review," claiming to record the views of responsible Russian statesmen, states that during the Boer war Russia offered to the Marquis Ito, if allowed a free hand in Manchuria and Korea, to support Japanese expansion in the Malay archipelago and Oceania, especially against the Commonwealth, whose exclusion of the Japanese was then a matter of great concern.

"The Japanese were then a power which was really incapable of withstanding the impetuous Japanese infantry. Late last night the report of Lieutenant-General Kuroki was received by the Consul-General for Japan in Sydney. It furnished corroboration upon corroborated. The Russians have lost guns, and it is estimated that their casualties numbered 800 at a stage of the fighting when the Japanese losses were put down to 100. The Japanese were evidently written, and is associated with a particularity intended to give it the impress of truth. It will probably be found that the Japanese losses exceed those of the Russians—that the attacking force has exposed itself to dislodge a concealed enemy. Balancing the Russian and the Japanese versions, the outstanding fact remains that the Russians have suffered a defeat, after a protracted defence of their positions, and that the cause of the victory was an observation of Baron Suematsu, who was sent to England on a secret mission a short time ago. He said:

"To speak the truth, we consider, on the whole, that we are better off with our army than with our navy. We have exerted more efforts for our organisation. Therefore we have just the same confidence in our army, if indeed not more, than in our navy, though foreigners seem to think otherwise."

### A JAPANESE SUCCESS.

On the same morning (Friday) 1500 Japanese infantry, with 12 guns, crossed near Ambukhi, and, after a fierce artillery fire, forced two companies of Russian infantry and three sections of cavalry, with two mountain guns, to retire to fortified positions at the rear, with a loss of five wounded. The Russian guns were captured.

On Saturday the Japanese again crossed the river near Shadrak, attacked the heights of Khu-sun, and turned the Russian left flank, compelling the Russians to retire to the village of Potensky and Antung.

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